



SIX HUNDRED WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED

English Suffer Another Terrible Defeat With Slight Loss on the Boer Side.

NINE HUNDRED CAPTURED.

British Public in a Nervous Condition Fearing Everything—Dutch Are Generally Successful.

LONDON, April 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Brandfort, dated Sunday, 8:57.

Yesterday General De Wet inflicted the third defeat of the British within a week at Meerkatsfontein, killing and wounding 600. He captured 900, with twelve wagons, losing five Boers killed and nine wounded.

LONDON, April 11, 5 a. m.—But that the war office has issued no news from Lord Roberts during the last three days, there would be little disposition to place any credence in the Boer reports of another British disaster. The unexpected rallying of the Free State commandoes, however, leaves the public in a nervous condition, fearing everything.

Dispatches from Pretoria, dated Monday, did not mention any further Boer victory. On the contrary, they said all the commanders were quiet and, as Lord Roberts has hitherto never failed promptly to report mischances, as well as successes, or to allow the newspaper correspondents to report them, until some confirmation is received, there is justification for regarding the Meerkatsfontein rumor as only an exaggerated account of the Reddersburg affair. At the same time, Boer reports have no other proved correct that the greatest anxiety will be felt.

No Further News of Fighting.

No further news has been received of fighting either at Wepener or in Natal. Boer reports seem to indicate that Lord Methuen is advancing from Boshof toward Hopstad.

It is a bold and apparently a dangerous move, since, although it turns the right flank of the Boer position at Brandfort, it puts Lord Methuen's force between whatever garrison there may be at Swartkops in the Transvaal, and the Brandfort force.

The Boer peace commissioners at Napier, did not conceal the fact that they have no hope of obtaining peace with independence for the republics, but they will endeavor to save their armor pieces or to secure a truce for further negotiations.

Mr. Fischer says the present Boer strength at the front is 23,000.

COL. PLUMER WOUNDED.

Number of Officers Killed—Had to Fight in Open Plain.

GABERONES, Tuesday, April 3.—Saturday's fight in the environs of Mafeking was conducted, on Col. Plumer's side, under great difficulties, being the proximity of the Boer laagers, whose reinforcements could be promptly sent to the burghers, and there was little cover available for the British when the fight began, the plain being but sparsely wooded and the railroad embankment, the chief protection, being only two feet high. The men behaved gallantly, however, and officers were exceptionally conspicuous in the affair.

With the exception of a few rounds fired by the British maxim gun at Rathsburg, the fire on both sides was entirely by rifle. Half of the British officers were more or less seriously wounded. Col. Plumer's wound was in his right arm. His horse was shot. Col. Bull and Captain Bull were wounded. Col. Plumer's orderly is missing. Sergeant Major Manning of the Fifth dragoon guards, who took up the duties of orderly, did excellent work.

Captain Fred Cress was shot dead while covering the retreat of others. Captain MacLaren was severely wounded and Lieut. Milligan, the famous Yorkshire cricketer, fatally, while tenaciously holding an assigned position. Lieut. Milligan rode unassisted to Ramathlabana.

Medical Orderly Wanyford worked pluckily on the field, which afforded little cover.

Another Victory for the Boers.

LONDON, April 11.—The Daily Mail publishes the following, dated April 10, from Lourenco Marques:

The Netherlands Railway Company proposes to have received a telegram reporting a Boer victory near Kroonstad, the Boers capturing nine hundred British.

Commenting upon this the Daily Mail says:

There is a Meerkatsfontein about 8 1/2 miles southeast of Kroonstad, but, if the report be true, this can hardly be the place.

Terrible Loss to the British.

LONDON, April 11.—The Daily News has the following from Pretoria, dated Monday, by way of Delagoa Bay:

It is officially announced that a battle has been fought south of Brandfort, in which six hundred British troops were killed and wounded and eight hundred taken prisoner.

Lord Roberts is declared to be finding great difficulties owing to the scarcity of water.

Large List of Casualties.

PRETORIA, April 9, via Lourenco Marques.—The British casualties in the fight at De Wetsoord were 100 killed and wounded and 450 captured. The Transvaal volkraad has been summoned to meet in ordinary session on May 19.

Large Horse Wastage.

RAMFONTEIN, Monday, April 9.—Remounts are continually arriving, but competent authorities estimate that the wastage of horses monthly by the British forces in South Africa must be calculated at not less than 5,000.

NO ACTIVE OFFICER

Of the Army Can Act as Military Instructor Until the War is Ended.

Bluesfield to Get a Public Building.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Senator Elkins has been informed by the war department, with the approval of the President, that no officer on the active list of the army can be detailed to serve as military instructor at educational institutions until hostilities in the Philippines come to an end. The senator had urged the detail to the West Virginia University of Lieut. Palmer E. Pierce. The application for the lieutenant's services was made some time ago by the board of regents, through its chairman, Hon. George C. Sturgis, Prof. L. C. White and other citizens, giving it their indorsement.

As heretofore noted in the Intelligencer, steps are being taken for the extension of the carrier system of mail delivery to the first ward of Fairmont. This will naturally cause the consolidation of the two postoffices, the Palestine office being abolished. It is understood the postmaster there will continue in the service under the enlarged system. The enterprising town was recently greatly increased in area, and population by the absorption of the outlying boroughs under the name of Fairmont, and as one of the fruits of the Republican administration the postal facilities are being developed at a pace equal to the improved condition of affairs wrought by the enterprise of the people. Four of the five wards have already the benefit of the carrier delivery, and largely through the influence of Senator Elkins, the extension of the system is guaranteed, and rural delivery as well.

Senator Elkins has secured the assent of the war department to the proposed construction of a bridge across the main stream of the Guyandotte river, by the Guyandotte River railroad company. The bridge is to be built of steel and the main span will be 185 feet in length.

Senator Elkins has introduced the following bills: For increase of pension of Isaac N. Lock, of Claude, Taylor county; to pension Mrs. Missouri Ross, of Lost River, Hardy county. Both these bills have already passed the house through the efforts of Representative Dayton. Senator Elkins has also introduced a bill to increase the pension of Captain Thomas Reed, of Fairmont.

The senator has had placed upon the calendar for early consideration, a bill providing for the construction of a public building at Bluefield, West Virginia, favorable report on which was made recently by Senator Scott, from the committee on public buildings and grounds, of which he is a member.

Senator Elkins has also had placed upon the calendar the bill upon which a favorable report has been made to establish a fish hatchery station in West Virginia. The measure provides that the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated to meet the expense, including purchase of site.

The selection of the place for the station is left to Commissioner Bowers.

Commissioners have been issued respectively to James P. Arnett, postmaster at Arnettsville, W. Va., and Bessie Darnberger, post mistress at Flinn, West Virginia.

LARGE COAL COMPANY

Organized—Will be Largest Single Plant in the World.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 10.—The Commercial Coal & Coke Company, newly organized with a capital of \$3,000,000, will in a short time, enter competition with the existing coke companies in this region, with the largest coke plant in the world. The company, which is composed almost entirely of New York capitalists, with G. L. Root, former secretary of War, as president, and J. Edgar Hoover, former head of the Monongahela river, on the Monongahela river, adjoining the American Steel & Wire Company's recent purchase.

The intention is to rapidly develop their coal territory and erect at once a 1,000 oven, coke plant. The plant will far exceed the famous Mammoth plant and will be, when finished, the largest single plant in the world. The Baltimore & Ohio road already taps the territory and plans are on foot by the Pennsylvania road and the Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youghiogheny road to extend branches to the field.

Large Contract for Horses.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The Journal and Advertiser to-morrow will say: A contract to buy 30,000 to 35,000 horses for the British army was about completed in this city yesterday. The horses are for cavalry regiments and the artillery service in South Africa and they will cost several million dollars. This is the largest single order of this kind ever placed in this country.

The horses must conform practically to the United States army's strict requirements in size, breed and soundness.

Buffalo has been selected as the point of inspection where the horses will be brought by the contractors, who will act as the British government's agents.

Convention Hall Will be Ready.

KANSAS CITY, April 10.—A \$50,000 bond was given to-day by the Gillette-Herzog Manufacturing Company of Minneapolis to insure the erection of the new convention hall in time for occupancy by the Democratic national convention. The company agrees to have ten immense steel trusses that will support the roof in place by June 15 under a penalty of \$100 a day for each day it might be delayed beyond that time limit.

Congressman Boutelle Returned.

BANGOR, Me., April 10.—The Republican of the Fourth Maine congressional district to-day re-nominated Hon. Charles A. Boutelle as candidate for representative and elected as delegates to the national Republican convention in Philadelphia. Frederick H. Parkhurst of Bangor, and Colonel Wainwright Cushing of Foxcroft. The delegates were not instructed.

Burleigh Renominated.

WATERVILLE, Me., April 10.—The Republicans of the Third congressional district to-day re-nominated Edwin C. Burleigh, of Augusta, as candidate for representative to Congress. A. M. Spear, of Gardiner, and Albert Pearce, of Frankfort, were elected delegates to the Republican national convention.

Charged With Embezzlement.

BOSTON, April 10.—Herbert F. Milligen, book-keeper of the Union Loan & Trust company, was arrested to-day, charged with embezzlement of \$10,000. It is understood that he has confessed. Milligen is twenty-one years of age and married. He spent money liberally in bucket shops.

THE SENATOR FROM MONTANA IS DETHRONED.

Senate Committee on Privileges Decide Unanimously in Favor of Unseating Clark.

LAVISH EXPENDITURE OF MONEY

It Was Proven That He Spent a Half Million Dollars—Clark Will Not Be Expelled.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The senate committee on privileges and elections have decided unanimously in favor of the unseating of Senator Clark, of Montana.

The report is to declare the seat of Senator Clark vacant and not to expel.

The decision was reached after a two hours sitting, at which all the members of the committee were present except one. The absentee was Senator Caffery, of Louisiana, and he wired his vote in opposition to Mr. Clark.

The ballot was not taken until all the members present had expressed themselves upon the question, some of them speaking at some length, and all expressing different shades of opinion.

Most Pronounced Leniency.

Senator Harris, of Kansas, indicated the most pronounced leaning toward leniency for Mr. Clark. He did not express any doubt that there had been a lavish expenditure of money in Mr. Clark's behalf and while not condoning this course he spoke in terms of strong condemnation of the tactics pursued by some of his (Clark's) opponents, referring especially to Congressman Campbell and former State Senator Whitehead. He said that whatever Mr. Clark's offenses they were but little worse than the methods pursued by Campbell and Whitehead, in their efforts to expell the senator and he insisted if the report was to be antagonistic to Mr. Clark it should at the same time relate in full detail the course pursued by the two principal witnesses against him.

The Committee of One Opinion.

Senator Pettus practically agreed with Mr. Harris. The two senators also expressed some doubt as to the justification of the conclusion drawn by a majority of the committee, that Senator Clark's candidacy for the senate began in August, 1898, when he returned to Butte from New York. The effect of this conclusion was to charge up the entire \$123,000 which Senator Clark conceded to having expended, to his campaign for the senate, while the contention was made in Senator Clark's behalf that he had not become a candidate until after the state election, thus eliminating from the campaign in his individual behalf the amount spent in the general contest. Senator McComas was among the senators who expressed himself as convinced that the senatorial seat was in view from the beginning. Mr. McComas, however, united with other senators in condemning the methods pursued in prosecuting the case.

Cumulative Evidence Condemns Him.

The consensus of opinion of the committee appeared unfavorable to accepting any one special feature against Mr. Clark as the basis for the report against him, the general opinion being that it was the cumulative character of the testimony that should be considered rather than any one special detail.

Sensor Harris raised the point in Mr. Clark's behalf that the cumulative effect of the testimony could not properly be considered but he was overruled in this position.

If promiscuity was given to any one line of testimony more than to another it was that dealing with transactions apparently of a regular business nature between Senator Clark or his agents and members of the legislature. The purchase of property from Senator Warner and Representative McLaughlin and the money tendered Representative Wood to lift the mortgage from his ranch were considered as bearing directly upon the case. Of these matters the Wood case received especial attention. The payment of money to Representative Day after Mr. Clark's election also had weight. The opinion was expressed that no one of these facts was sufficient basis for an adverse report, but all agreed that all these facts, many of them admitted, together with other occurrences connected with the campaign were sufficient to justify a position against the senator's continuing to hold his place.

No Reports to State Authorities.

The fact that Senator Clark and his representatives had failed to make their reports to the state authorities of Montana as required by the state law, also was urged against him in the discussion in the committee, as was the fact that he and his representatives had destroyed all their vouchers showing where money had been used and to whom paid. When attention was called to the fact that this course was usual with campaign managers, the statement was met with the contention that while the plan might be more commonly adopted than it should be, still there could be no reasonable excuse for it after the Whiteside exposure. It was then known, it was asserted, that there would be a contest and the argument was made that every scrap of paper bearing upon the election should have been preserved after this development in the case.

Sensors Chandler and Turley were directed to prepare the report. It is expected to be presented at an early day. Senator Clark was at the capitol when the announcement of the action of the committee became known. He was surprised at the result, but refused to make a statement until after consultation with his friends and attorneys.

Not Surprised in Montana.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 10.—A Butte, Mont., special to the Times says:

The report of the senate committee against Clark does not create much surprise in Butte, his home, as such a report was generally expected, although some of his closest friends and newspaper had been claiming that a majority of the committee would be favorable to him. His son and chief representative in the senatorial campaign, received the following to-day:

WASHINGTON, D. C.

C. W. Clark.

Report of committee will be adverse. Don't let this worry you. I will be vindicated either here or in Montana. (Signed.) W. A. CLARK.

Some of Clark's friends here predict that he will resign and return to Montana for vindication.

THE QUAY CASE

Will Be Voted Upon April 24th—Eulogies Pronounced Upon the Late Richard P. Bland.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Without objection from any source, the senate to-day agreed to take the final vote on the right of the Hon. M. S. Quay to a seat as a senator from Pennsylvania on Tuesday, April 24, at 4 p. m.

During its session to-day the senate paid its tribute to the late Richard Parks Bland, long a representative from Missouri. The eulogies pronounced on the dead statesman were notable for their earnestness and eloquence.

On motion of Mr. Cullom, the senate non-concurred in the house amendments to the Hawaiian civil government bill and Senators Cullom, Lodge and Morgan were named as conferees.

Mr. Hoar, addressing the senate briefly on the Quay case, said that among the arguments against that construction of the constitution which makes it the duty of the governor to appoint a senator in certain cases was the one that the legislature might fail to elect in order.

He did not think there was much practical force in the argument. He thought there was much force in the argument that the legislature might fail to elect by reason of a faction which desired that the election might go over to the next legislature in the hope that its politics would become so changed as to enable the new legislature to elect another man.

The Quay resolution was laid aside for the day, it being announced that Mr. Burrows would speak on the subject to-morrow.

Farmers' Day in House.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The house of representatives devoted the day to the agricultural appropriation bill, passing it substantially as reported. Animated discussions arose over a series of amendments offered by Mr. Corliss, of Michigan, restricting the distribution of free seeds and free vaccine. Mr. Corliss maintained that the government distributions invaded the field of private enterprise. His various amendments failed, however, after extended debate. An amendment by Mr. Lattimer (S. C.) was adopted increasing the supply of "farmers' bulletins" issued by the agricultural department and distributed by members of Congress.

NO MORE TROOPS NEEDED

In the Philippines at Present—Stories Have Been Magnified.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—Nothing of importance was developed at to-day's cabinet meeting. Secretary Root explained some of the features of the pending army appropriation bill and also the terms of enlistment of the troops now in the Philippines. It was stated that General Otis probably would leave Manila very soon, and some time before the arrival there of the new Philippine commission. The reports from the Philippines during the last week or two, it was said, had greatly magnified the opposition that had been met with by our troops. The official reports, it was asserted did not warrant the statement that the insurgents were becoming very active and were massing in various parts of Luzon to an extent which greatly concerned our generals. The situation, it was said, did not warrant the sending of more troops to the islands for the present at least.

Macrum Prevaricated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—United States Consul Hay at Pretoria, has responded to the inquiry addressed to him by the department, respecting ex-Consul Macrum's charge that the official mail of the consulate was tampered with. Mr. Hay reports that after a careful search, he has failed to find in the files of the consulate the slightest evidence to support the statement. The consul further reports that there is absolutely no interference so far as he has been able to ascertain with any of the official communications, either telegraphic or mail, which pass between the department of state and the consulate.

No Change in Affairs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—It was stated at the war department to-day that no change will be made in the administration of civil affairs in Puerto Rico pending the final approval by the President of the action of Congress on the subject.

May Be a Coal Famine.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 10.—With 10,000 miners on a strike and many of the mines operating on half time and with no immediate prospect of a complete resumption, the condition in the coal trade locally has assumed alarming proportions; coal yards in Pittsburgh and Allegheny are short of fuel, and to-day domestic consumers were given only half of the amount they asked for in order that the supply may be made to go around until more is obtained.

First Man Hanged in Nicaragua.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 10.—News has been received here from Nicaragua that James Daley, of Jamaica, was hanged in that republic last Thursday, for murdering a native. This is the first occasion of the death penalty being enforced in Nicaragua for murder.

Littlefield Endorsed for Second Term.

AUBURN, Me., April 10.—The Republicans of the Second Maine congressional district to-day re-nominated Hon. Charles E. Littlefield, of Rockland, for Congress.

DEWEY WILL WITHDRAW AS A CANDIDATE.

Special From Washington States the Hero of Manila Has Changed His Mind.

M'LEAN BEHIND THE AFFAIR

Newspapers' Unfavorable Comment Said to be the Cause—Dewey Says it is a Mistake.

NEW YORK, April 10.—A Washington special to the Evening World says: It is asserted this afternoon on what seems to be good authority, that Admiral Dewey has decided to withdraw as a candidate for the presidency and that within a few days he will formally announce his decision.

His brother-in-law, John R. McLean, is alleged to be responsible for this latest move.

Within forty-eight hours Admiral Dewey has been in consultation with Democratic leaders and others antagonistic to President McKinley and the opinions then expressed, together with unfavorable or non-committal views voiced by the newspapers, decided him, it is asserted, to withdraw from the contest.

Dewey Denies the Story.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Admiral Dewey said to-night that the report published in a New York afternoon newspaper to the effect that he intended to withdraw his candidacy for the presidency was all a mistake, that he had never given anyone whatever such information.

GENERAL STRIKE

Of All the Miners of Georges Creek. Nearly 5,000 Men Involved—Be Long and Bitter.

FROSTBURG, Md., April 10.—A general strike of all the miners in the Georges Creek region has been ordered for to-morrow (Wednesday) midnight. Nearly 5,000 men are involved. The miners insist on an increase from 55 to 60 cents per ton of 2,240 pounds. They claim that they requested the operators to meet their representatives to discuss this increase, but one of their six requests have been ignored. The Consolidated Coal Company, employing 1,300 men, suspended or dismissed seventy-five of their men on Monday, the miners claim, because they took an active part in a mass meeting held on Saturday. This action of the Consolidated company so incensed the union men that the strike was unanimously decided upon by a committee composed of two miners from each of the mines in the region. Should the discharged men be reinstated, it is thought a settlement of the strike would soon follow, but many of the men are in favor of holding out for the full increase to 60 cents a ton, notwithstanding the action of the Consolidated company. To-night it looks as though the strike will resolve itself into a long and bitter one.

Arbuckle's Boost Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Arbuckle Brothers to-day advanced the price of refined sugar five cents per hundred pounds. Two weeks ago the Arbuckle cut the price of refined sugar five cents per hundred pounds. This reduction was made immediately after an advance in the price of raw sugar. The American Sugar Refining Company did not follow and the advance by the Arbuckle to-day brings their price back to that of the Havemeyer company.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst has decided to establish a museum of art and archeology at the University of California.

The profit of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway during the year 1899 was about one million dollars.

The postoffice at East Liverpool, O., was gutted by fire yesterday. Much of the loose mail and that in boxes was destroyed.

Commodore William K. Mayo, United States navy, retired, died, at his home in Washington, last night, aged seventy-six years.

Herman Marcuse, formerly one of the best known bankers in New York, is dead at Niederwailhof-on-Rhine, Germany, aged seventy-five years.

A Nicaraguan military expedition is reported to have landed at Ciritigal, Colombia, and the cruiser Detroit has left Fort Limon, Costa Rica, for that point.

Congressman H. Clay Van Voorhis was nominated yesterday for the fifth consecutive term on the first ballot, at the Republican convention of the Fifteenth Ohio district.

David S. Hammond lessee of the Plaza and Murray Hill hotels, New York, died at the latter hotel late last night, aged sixty-five years. He was an owner and breeder of fine trotting horses.

News has been received from Tahiti via Auckland, N. Z., that the Tahitian government has accepted the Oceanic Steamship Company's proposition for a steam service from San Francisco to Tahiti.

Formal orders will be issued by Secretary Root Tuesday, directing the detachment of Brigadier General Ludlow from the command of the city of Havana and assigning Brigadier General Lee to command the new department of Havana and Pinar del Rio.

J. Albert Merritt, aged forty-six, one of the most successful dry goods merchants in Kingston, N. Y., in a fit of temporary insanity, Tuesday, shot his mother through the head and then shot himself, dying instantly. It is thought Mrs. Merritt will die.

The birthday of the Rev. William Booth, general of the Salvation Army, (who was born at Nottingham, England, April 10, 1829), was signaled Tuesday by the receipt of hundreds of congratulatory messages from all parts of the world and the presentation of a purse of \$20,000, as the result of the collections made during the self-denial week of the army just concluded.

GOOD FOR WELLSBURG.

For the First Time in its History the Entire Republican Ticket is Successful—License Wins by a Majority of 37.

The election at Wellsburg yesterday was the quietest in years, and but a light vote was polled. Following is the result: City clerk—Abner Montgomery, Republican, 213; George Easterday, Democrat, 195.

Board of education—Henry Swagie, Republican, 333; Emory Jacobs, Democrat, 233.

First branch council—First ward, C. D. Hall, Republican, 97; John O'Donnell, Democrat, 81; Second ward, John E. Fowler, Republican, 97; Robert Shott, Democrat, 73; Third ward, E. F. Jones, Republican, 114; Joseph Churchman, Democrat, 42.

Second branch council—First ward, J. W. M. Carmichael, Republican, 92; J. A. Barnes, Democrat, 86; Second ward, T. R. Douglass, Republican, 109; John Byrne, Democrat, 61; Third ward, Edward Harvey, Republican, 106; H. W. Paul, Democrat, 52.

For license 254, against license 217.

This is the greatest Republican victory ever achieved in Wellsburg, the entire ticket being elected for the first time in the history of the town. The First ward has heretofore been Democratic. This year it elected two Republican councilmen. The new council will stand ten Republican and two Democrats.

MUCH SATISFACTION

Expressed by Germans at Impending Visit of Emperor Joseph.

BERLIN, April 10.—The newspapers of this city express much satisfaction at the impending visit of Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria. Emperor William to-day telegraphed to the chief burgomaster of Berlin the following message:

"His Majesty Emperor Francis Joseph, has communicated to me most joyful intelligence, namely his intention to visit the empress and myself. I am convinced that the citizens of my residential town will regard our illustrious guest, once the loyal friend of our immortal, great emperor, with feelings of loyal devotion and warm attachment. I announce to you the impending visit in order that my Berliners may have time to worthily decorate the city and welcome my honored and loyal ally."

REINHARD'S BANK CLOSES.

One of the Oldest Institutions in Columbus.

COLUMBUS, O., April 10.—Reinhard & Co.'s private bank closed its doors at noon to-day. The firm filed a deed of assignment and this was followed immediately by the assignments of John G. and Henry Reinhard. T. G. Abernethy was named as assignee. No statement of assets or liabilities was filed. The assignment covers all personal property and real estate. On Saturday the Messrs. Reinhard gave two mortgages for \$10,000 each on the bank building. The bank was one of the old institutions of the city and the failure caused great surprise.

Equalization Board Meets.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 10.—The state board of equalization met here to-day with all the members present except Mr. Lowther, of Parkersburg. Four counties, Wood, Marshall, Tyler and Mercer, had not reported, and the board called upon the attorney general for an opinion as to what action it should take. The board will meet again to-morrow morning and arrange to hear appeals.

All Pledged Guilty.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 10.—Five men—Tilden and Nathan Homer, Lewis Murphy, Billy Zion and Mitchell Mullins—pleaded guilty in the criminal court here yesterday, to robbing the local railroad yards of brass fixtures. They were each sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. There are several others who were implicated with them, yet to be tried.

The Tramp Died.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

BERKLEY SPRINGS, W. Va., April 10.—Judson Hamilton, the tramp who was shot by Frank Wise, a farmer, on Monday for attempting to enter his house, died in the jail here this morning. Wise was arrested and gave bond for his appearance before the grand jury.

Will Have Free Delivery.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

KINGWOOD, W. Va., April 10.—Morgantown will have free mail delivery after April 25.

Call For a State Convention.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 10